



Drumlough Highland Pipe Band

Charity Registration Number: NIC 103205

Trustees Report for Year ended December 2023

Band Activities

- Completion of Rural Micro Grant 2022 – New Assets;
- DBRDA – St Patrick’s Celebration Event;
- DBRDA – King’s Coronation Event;
- Blackbridge Orang Service (Loughbrickland);
- Annual Battle of The Somme Commemoration Parade (Rathfriland);
- Schomberg Society - 11th July Pageant Parade (Kilkeel);
- Annual Twelfth July Celebrations (Loughbrickland);
- DBRDA – Community Festival;
- Christmas Clay Pigeon Shoot;
- Weekly Band Practice; and
- Piping and Drumming Tuition (Ulster-Scots Agency funded).

Financial Summary

- Income for 2023 = £6,564.63¹;
- Expenditure for 2023 = £4,608.68;
- Net income for 2023 = £1,955.95¹;
- £274.45 spent on uniform & instruments/accessories during 2023; and
- Balance at end of 2023 = £20,572.26².

General Comments

- Membership remained steady with increased number of new learners in 2023, particularly in the drumming aspect;
- Expenditure on instruments & uniforms during 2023 was significantly lower compared to previous years; and
- Continued to seek grants to ensure continuing growth and development of the band so that it can continue to provide a public benefit.

¹ Excludes repayment of £1,866 against interest free loan for DBRDA’s Wall Project.

² Includes remaining balance of interest free loan for DBRDA’s Wall Project.

Charitable Status & Pubic Benefits

The public benefits continue to be the following and are achieved by the various activities outlined above.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE OR SCIENCE

- BY PROMOTING INTEREST IN THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND MUSICAL HERITAGE OF PIPE BAND TRADITIONS WITHIN DRUMLOUGH, ITS SURROUNDING TOWNLANDS, NORTHERN IRELAND AND BEYOND.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

- TO EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE PERSONS OF ALL AGES, SEXES AND ABILITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS AND TALENTS THROUGH TUITION IN THE INSTRUMENTS AND IN THE RELATED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES.